Ms. Donna Mackie
Secretary to Mr. Ben Bradlee
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Dear Ms. Mackie,

In your letter of the 9th you say you are sending my mailing of 7/31 to Mr. Bradlee, who is on vacation. I appreciate your thoughtfulness but with all the responsibilities he bears I'm sure Mr. Bradlee needs time for his mind to be without his everyday concerns. So, please do not trouble him with the enclosures, which I send to update his file.

As I wrote Mr. Bradlee, I know who the United States Attorney in Washington is, and my letter is correctly addressed to the United States Attorney. What I intended in using the name of the Boston USA, which is what is actually affixed to the Department's Opposition filed with the Court and sent to me, is to underscore their carelessness in what they say to the courts and,,perhaps embarrass them. As you can see, after my letter was opened and read it was closed with a narrow strip of clear tape and the correct address was crossed out and it was stamped "RETURN TO SENDER." In making the xerox I used two strips of paper on either side of the tape. The right edges of each show.

I do regard this as a cheap shot and at my age and in my seriously impaired health, of which the government is well aware, I regard it as deliberately abusive. More so from a public official with di Genova's obligations and public responsibilities.

As of today I've had no word from Judge Smith, so I assume he is on vacation. From his record I assume he'll find some basis for rejecting my Motion and because there are unusual time restrictions for filing a Motion to Reconsider, I have prepared much of a draft of what I think I should say so that I should be able to file it fairly promptly. When I do I'll send Mr. Bradlee a copy.

My personal experiences with official mendacity in FOIA cases is unfortunately extensive, but I've never experiences such uninhibited false swearing, they've never before attempted to defraud me of money, and I do think that this time the government crossed the line and is in criminal violation.

Thanks and best wishes,

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